

Listing of claims

1-38 (cancelled)

39. (currently amended) A method of constructing an ~~electric storage battery~~ electrode assembly including:

- providing an electrically conductive, elongate pin;
- providing a first polarity electrode strip;
- providing a second polarity electrode strip;
- electrically connecting a first end of said first polarity electrode strip to said pin;
- mounting a reinforcing mandrel on said pin; and
- winding together the first polarity electrode strip and the second polarity electrode strip to form a spiral roll.

40. (original) The method of claim 39 including the further step of crimping the reinforcing mandrel to the pin.

41. (original) The method of claim 39 including the further step of welding the reinforcing mandrel to the pin.

42. (original) The method of claim 39 wherein said step of winding together the first polarity electrode strip and the second polarity electrode strip comprises rotating the pin and the mandrel.

42. (original) The method of claim 39 wherein said step of winding together the first polarity electrode strip and the second polarity electrode strip to form a spiral roll comprises leaving a portion of the pin extending beyond the spiral roll to form a battery terminal.

43-65 (cancelled)

66. (new) A method of constructing an electrode assembly including:

- providing an electrically conductive, elongate pin;
- providing a first polarity electrode strip;

providing a second polarity electrode strip;
electrically connecting a first end of said first polarity electrode strip to said pin;
mounting a mandrel on said pin; and
winding together the first polarity electrode strip and the second polarity electrode strip to form a spiral roll.

67. (new) The method of claim 66 including the further step of crimping the mandrel to the pin.

68. (new) The method of claim 66 including the further step of welding the mandrel to the pin.

69. (new) The method of claim 66 wherein said step of winding together the first polarity electrode strip and the second polarity electrode strip comprises rotating the pin and the mandrel.

70. (new) The method of claim 66 wherein said step of winding together the first polarity electrode strip and the second polarity electrode strip to form a spiral roll comprises leaving a portion of the pin extending beyond the spiral roll to form a battery terminal.